Dec. 1, 1923.

Mr. J. J. Collier,
Box 264,
Sabinal, Texas.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 22nd. duly received and carefully noted. I have been trying for 15 years, or since my Father's death in 1908, to get in touch or locate the family of Efford Cobb Collier. I used Bradstreet's and Dun's directory and wrote to every Collier listed therein that I could find in the State of Texas along during the years 1909, 1910 and 1911 and I came across many families that moved from Georgia but they were other branches and not our direct family.

In the second paragraph of your letter you stated you are the son of Efford Cuthbert Collier. Now if you will refresh your memory I believe you will discover the fact that Efford Cuthbert was the son of Efford Cobb, also Isaac Cobb was the son of Efford Cobb, altho I do not wish to have you think I know more about your family than you do yourself. I have the old original Robert Collier family Bible that belonged to Robert Collier and Martha Marshall Booker Collier, his wife. Robert Collier was born in Wilkes County Georgia in 1783 and died in Upson County in 1850 and was married to Martha Marshall Booker in 1806. Martha Marshall Booker was born in 1782 and died in Upson Co. in 1876. They had several children that I will write you about later, but your Grandfather, Efford Cobb Collier, was born Saturday May 7, 1814, he was the fourth child of the above couple and my Grandfather Robert Marshall Collier was the 6th child and never left Upson Co. and died in 1896 and is burried at Piedmont, Lamar County, Ga. I merely mention the above for you to think it over and see if I am not correct.

I want you to write me a long letter giving me the names of all of your family from Efford Cobb Collier on down. You will first kindly give me the full names of all the children of Efford Cobb and then give me the names of the children of each of his children or his Grand-children, as I am preparing to write a family history dating back from 1638. The original of the Collier family was a merchant in London England by the name of Robert Collier and it was his children that came to America and first settled in Virginia. After this history has been completed I will be glad to send it to the entire members of our family that reside in Texas as well as other sections. As mentioned in my previous

letter the names that are very prominent in our family are Robert, William, James, Isaac, Thomas, now and then Vines, Wesley etc. My Father's name was Isaac Cuthbert Collier, my middle name is Cuthbert and I have a boy likewise with Cuthbert as his middle name.

At the time that Efford Cobb Collier moved from Upson in 1857 he was a man evidently around 45 or 50 years old so naturally he would have been your Grandfather. He had two daughters, one that married Hardy Jackson and the other married Hardy's son. I would like to know if these people removed to Texas in 1857 at the time Roswell Powell, James McCoy and Efford Cobb Collier moved. The Isaac Cuthbert Collier referred to in my letter of the 14th was my Father and not Isaac Cobb Collier, your Uncle.

I thank you very kindly for your invitation to visit you on a deer hunt Christmas week but this will be impossible as my arrangements are made quite differently and I will be very very busy up to that time as I am loaded down here with many business cares but have arranged to go to Florida in January and expect to see the members of your family out West some time in the early part of 1924 as I am preparing to take a trip to Mexico likewise California and expect to make a trip to Europe during the coming spring along about May or June where I expect to visit the burial place of the original Robert Collier.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Isaac Cobb Collier at Center City, Mills Co. Texas and also another copy to your Mother at 603 N. 18th St. Waco Texas. My Father, Isaac Cuthbert Collier was born in 1844 and died in 1908 and my Mother whose maiden name was Means, died in 1918.

The original Robert Collier plantation of your Great-grandfather and my Great-grand-father is still owned by a member of the Collier family, Robert Marshall Collier of Atlanta. He is the youngest son of my Grand-father Robert Marshall Collier, Sr. and only one now living of his children. I would appreciate the postoffice address of the various members of your family and as much information as possible as I would like to complete all data necessary by January 1st.

With sincere regards, I remain

Sincerely,

JCC:C